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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 POSEDURE EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2825

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Satoshi TAKANO Group Art Unit: 2825

Application No.: 09/819,690 Examiner: G. Lee

Filed: March 29, 2001 Docket No.: 109107

For: SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING METHOD, SUBSTRATE PROCESSING

METHOD, AND SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 3, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks.